

STATE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD ONE-STOP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

November 6, 2008

DRAFT MINUTES

Committee Members Present by Phone: Marty Copps, Chair; Dave Crum; Mike DesRosier; Gail Richardson; Jeff Rupp; Dore Schwinden; and Linda Woods.

Committee Members Absent: Georgia Gibbs-Atkinson and Keith Kelly.

Staff: Leisa Smith and Danielle Nettleton.

Guests: Randy Holm; Cory Martel; Debbie Davidson; and Johnette Watkins.

I. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Marty Copps called the meeting to order at 9:21 a.m. She welcomed committee members and guests.

- Roll Call and Housekeeping
Danielle Nettleton took roll call and addressed housekeeping items. Ms. Copps explained the committee conducts business under Roberts Rules of Order. He stated he would relax Roberts Rules of Order to encourage active and open discussion. Public comment would be offered at the appropriate times, but not necessarily after each agenda item.
- Approval of Agenda
Chair Copps asked if there were any modifications to the agenda. The agenda was approved by consensus as presented.
- Approval of Minutes
Chair Copps asked if there were any modifications to the July 2, 2008 minutes. Dave Crum moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mike DesRosier seconded the motion.

II. One-Stop Recommendations

- Kootenai One-Stop Workforce Center
Leisa Smith reported the Kootenai One-Stop Workforce Center has a designated center at the Job Service Workforce Center (JSWC) in Libby. The designated operators are Johnette Watkins, Kootenai Job Service Workforce Center; Randy Holm, Northwest MT Human Resources (CMT Chair); and Patrick Pezzelle, Flathead Valley Community College. The Kootenai One-Stop Workforce Center serves Eureka, Libby, Troy, Trego, Fortine, Rexford, Yaak, Happy's Inn, and Bull Lake. The service delivery area has the second highest unemployment rate in the state due to the decline in the timber and mining industries. However they have recently received a Regional Innovation Grant from USDOL to address these issues. Gail Richards congratulated the One-Stop on lowering the areas unemployment rate in the past 4 years. Ms. Watkins commented

the success was done with help from the rest of the northwest area. In Lincoln County a local mine reopened and created 200 jobs. The asbestos clean up contractor has also provided good paying jobs to the area. Ms. Smith reported all criteria have been met and signatures are currently being secured. State Workforce Investment Board (SWIB) staff Leisa Smith will perform an on-site review prior to the Executive Committee meeting. Gail Richards congratulated the One-Stop on lowering the areas unemployment rate. Ms. Watkins commented the success was done with help from the rest of the northwest area. In Lincoln County a local mine reopened and created 200 jobs. The asbestos clean up contractor has also provided good paying jobs to the area.

Mrs. Richardson moved to recommend, to the Executive committee, the Kootenai One-Stop Workforce System be certified, pending successful acquisition of signatures. Mr. DesRosier seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

III. Next Meeting

With all regions covered by One-Stop centers, recommendations to disband the committee were made. The committee has completed its mission and goals. The One-Stops will be utilized as a tool versus a committee. More information regarding the One-Stop Committee's status will be discussed during the upcoming Executive Committee meeting.

IV. Adjourn

With no further business, Chair Copps adjourned the meeting at 9:47 a.m.